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Lt. Governor Peter Kinder names Martha Rackers of Jefferson City as Senior Service Award Winner

Award recognizes volunteer work by Missouri Seniors

JEFFERSON CITY – Missouri Lt. Governor Peter Kinder today announced 35 winners of the Lieutenant Governor’s Senior Service Award, including Martha Shirley Rackers of Jefferson City.

Lt. Governor Kinder present the awards today (May 8) at a luncheon for the winners and their guests outside his office in the Capitol. Rackers was nominated by Rep. Mike Bernskoetter of Jefferson City.

Rackers volunteers several days each week at St. Mary’s Hospital in Jefferson City. Since 2004, she has donated almost 2,500 hours to the hospital. She delivers cookies that contain prayers for patients and delivers coffee and tea to patients and their families.

“I am honored to nominate and write this letter of recommendation for Martha,” Berskoetter said in his nomination. “I believe it is only fitting that we honor such an extraordinary woman. Martha’s personality and enthusiasm bring comfort to those whose lives she touches through her volunteer services.”

Lt. Governor Kinder presented Rackers with an official declaration and a Senior Service Award lapel pin at a ceremony in the Capitol.

“Martha Rackers sets an example for all Missourians with her kindness and willingness to serve patients and their families at St. Mary’s Hospital,” Kinder said. “Her selfless service is an inspiration to all who know her.”

Kinder this year received more than 150 nominations for the Senior Service Award, naming 34 winners representing the state’s 34 Senatorial Districts and one at-large winner. Rackers won in District 6.